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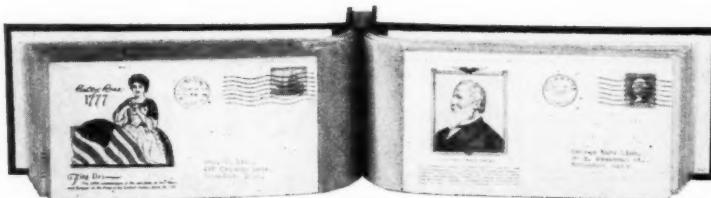
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U. S. Fractional Currency

By A. J. JANSEN

THE origin of those interesting bits of paper known as Fractional Currency, and often erroneously called "Shin Plasters," because of their size, is somewhat curious and probably not generally known. Its invention is credited to General F. E. Spinner, for many years Treasurer of the United States.

With the commencement of the Civil War, all the gold, silver, and copper money in circulation immediately disappeared from sight, due, of course to the

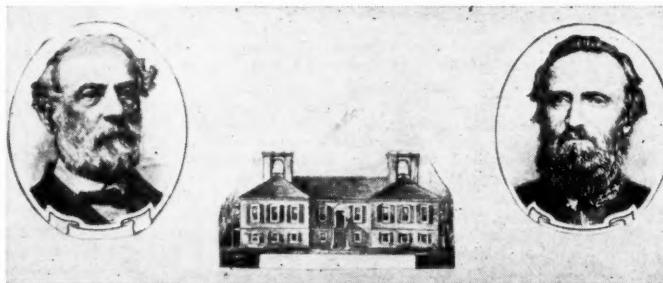
partment agreeing to redeem them with new stamps at face value when they became worn. This arrangement was found so convenient that Congress soon took notice, and the regular issue of Postage Currency, as it was first called, was authorized by the United States Government.

The first issue of "Postage Currency," or "Postal Currency," bore facsimiles of current postage stamps on the face, and was issued in denominations of five, ten, twenty-five and fifty cents. The five cent

27, 1863, over \$20,000,000.00 being issued.

The second issue was authorized by Act of Congress March 3, 1863, and was issued from October 10, 1863, to February 23, 1867, the total issue amounting to over \$23,000,000.00. This issue consisted of five, ten, twenty-five and fifty cent bills, all with a portrait of Washington, surrounded by an oval gilt frame.

The third issue was authorized by Act of Congress March 3, 1863, and was issued from December 5, 1864, to August



Their early successes forced Federals to use stamps for money

desire of many people to save what they could from the threatened wreck of the Union, and to the desire of the foresighted to hoard what was bound to have an increased value in the near future.

This hoarding, of course, did not affect trade in amounts above One Dollar, as there was plenty of paper money in circulation, but it did place a serious handicap upon all who had occasion to trade in amounts smaller than One Dollar.

As a relief measure, many merchants issued their own notes in various amounts from one cent up; milk tickets, street car tokens, in fact anything which denoted value, were used to make change. Postage stamps were used in various ways. Some were enclosed in envelopes marked with the amount enclosed, and with the name and advertisement of the firm issuing them. Some were put up in small brass holders with a transparent face, the reverse bearing advertisements of the merchants issuing them.

At this time General Spinner conceived the idea of pasting postage stamps upon pieces of paper, the Post Office De-

partment agreeing to redeem them with new stamps at face value when they became worn. This arrangement was found so convenient that Congress soon took notice, and the regular issue of Postage Currency, as it was first called, was authorized by the United States Government.

The first issue of "Postage Currency," or "Postal Currency," bore facsimiles of

16, 1869, in denominations of three, five, ten, twenty-five and fifty cent bills. The three cent bill bears a portrait of Washington, and comes in two varieties known as "Light Curtain" and "Dark Curtain," the difference being in the background. The issue of these three cent bills amounted to \$601,923.90. The five cent bill bears a portrait of Clark; the ten cent bill a portrait of Washington; the twenty-five cent bill a portrait of Fessenden, and the fifty cent bill a vignette of Justice. The total issue amounted to over \$86,000,000.00.

There is also a second series of the third issue, in denominations of five, ten, twenty-five and fifty cents, all with red backs. The fifty cent bill came in two varieties, one bearing a portrait of Spinner and the other a vignette of Justice. This series was really never intended for circulation, having been printed for specimens, and being consequently quite scarce, though quite a number of them found their way into circulation. Some of these bills bear the actual written signatures of Colby and Spinner,

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The fourth issue was authorized by Act of Congress March 3, 1864, and June 30, 1864. It was issued from July 14, 1869, to February 16, 1875, in denominations of ten, fifteen, twenty-five and three varieties of fifty cent bills. The ten cent bill bore a vignette of Liberty; the fifteen cent bill a vignette of Columbia; the twenty-five cent bill a portrait of Washington. The fifty cent bills bear, one a portrait of Lincoln, another a portrait of Stanton, and the third a portrait of Dexter. The fifty cent Dexter note was the only one issued under the Act of June 30, 1864. The total issue amounted to over \$176,000,000.00.

The fifth and last issue was authorized by Act of Congress, March 3, 1863, and June 30, 1864. It was issued from February 26, 1874, to February 15, 1876, in denominations of ten, twenty-five and fifty cent notes, in an amount well in excess of \$62,000,000.00. The ten cent bill bears a portrait of Meredith; the twenty-five cent bill a portrait of Walker, and the fifty cent bill a portrait of Crawford.

From the above it will be readily seen that the total amount issued of the different series is very large—to be exact, \$368,725,079.45. Most of this has, of course, been redeemed, but it is estimated that there is over \$15,000,000.00 outstanding. There are many varieties of the various bills, which make it interesting for the collector. A complete set would consist of over one hundred forty-five specimens.

The first issue of fractional currency is listed in the U. S. Specialized Catalogue, the later series not, as only the first had its value based on postage stamps. Though not money, they were used for money by everyone and it still trickles back to the Treasury at Washington for redemption, generally in worn condition. With this act of 1862, postage stamps were in a way made negotiable and were to be used as currency in sums smaller than \$5.

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Tenth Convention of American Air Mail Society

The American Air Mail Society will hold its tenth annual convention in Cincinnati at the Hotel Netherland Plaza, on Sept. 1-2-3. Members and visitors attending this convention need pay little attention to the weather or humidity, but will be at liberty to concentrate entirely on the pleasures and the business of the gathering, as every activity will be held in air-cooled rooms of the hotel. The program includes business sessions which will be held in the mornings, an exhibition and bourse, a boat ride to Coney Island in the steamer Island Queen, a trip to one of the ball games participated in by the Cincinnati Reds, special events for the men and women.

The Cincinnati Numismatic Association, is cooperating wholeheartedly with an exhibition. The exhibition will be in the center of the hall, with bourse tables along the walls, thereby insuring a constant flow of visitors past the dealers. Just a few tables remain as yet unreserved, and application should be made immediately to B. H. Terry, 803 Vine St., Cincinnati. Those desiring to exhibit should contact Jos. B. Shirley, c/o Procter & Gamble Co., Cincinnati. There will be a cachet for every day of the convention, which will be handled by E. T. Warneford, 256 Twain Ave., Cincinnati.

Those desiring full information regarding all Cincinnati Hotels and rates, should address William Hyman, Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Cincinnati. The official label is a three color, red, white and blue affair, showing an airplane flying over the convention headquarters. They come in sheets of eight, with arrows and center lines, both perforated and imperforate. The price is 25c for the pair of sheets, and proceeds are applied against the expense of the convention. Obtain them from Shirley, Terry or Horwitz.

The convention is under the direction of Edward M. Horwitz, P. O. Box 525, as General Chairman. He is Chairman of the Manufacturers and Wholesalers Bureau of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, and Stamp Editor of the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, and has assured the American Air Mail Society of the largest and most successful convention in its entire history.

All collectors and dealers are cordially invited by the committee to visit Cincinnati, the Queen City of the West, and to partake of its hospitality on Sept. 1, 2 and 3, 1939.

The American Airways will have an exhibit at the convention, and will distribute souvenirs to all visitors. There will be a Convention Station Post Office with special cancellation, and a branch Philatelic Agency in the Convention Hall, where the Bourse and Exhibit will be held. Not only will everything be under one roof, but all in the same room.

The Souvenir Issue states the single Carpatho-Ukraine stamp in miniature sheet form is bogus. This has no connection with the stamp of 3k denomination issued by the short lived republic.

Trans-Atlantic Mail Report

The Post Office Department's statement of number of covers sent on the first flight of the Atlantic Clipper via the Southern Route has recently been released, as follows:

EASTBOUND FLIGHT

New York to Horta, Azores, 10,910; New York to Lisbon, Portugal, 12,850; New York to Marseilles, France, 88,814; Horta to Lisbon, 7,807; Horta to Marseilles, 7,403; Lisbon to Marseilles, 6,507.

WESTBOUND FLIGHT

Marseilles to Lisbon, 6,439; to Horta, 6,328; to New York, 16,131; Lisbon to Horta, 6,421; to New York, 9,028; Horta to New York, 9,795.

One report is that many covers arrived in Europe too late to make connections for the first westbound flight. No complaints have been received at Columbus.

12,000,000 Stamps Sold

34-year-old theological student at Tokyo Imperial University recently shipped to the H. E. Harris & Co. 15 large burlap bags filled with cancelled stamps, estimated at about 12,000,000 stamps in all. The money received for the stamps, 3000 yen (about \$840) was given by the seller, Toru Yokoyama, to the War and Navy Office according to the *Japanese American Review*. Mr. Yokoyama had started collecting stamps to pass away time during an illness and after returning to school decided to gather them on a large scale, enlisting aid of friends and school children. The result was the large accumulation, chiefly comprising the common letter-rate stamps in current use.

ARARAT just won't be found on postal lists after July 31, for on that date, the appropriately named office in beautiful Susquehanna County, Pa., closes its doors permanently to plate number hunts.

Guatemala's Department of Communications has a philatelic agency now with over 100 varieties of stamps of issues 1929 to date for sale at face value. We pass this information along with the reminder that you take your own risks when sending abroad.

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Christmas Island Post Office

In February of this year Christmas Island, long famous for its local "ship" stamps, opened its first official post office. The *Australian Stamp Monthly* illustrates an early marking of the new office which is of the standard British Colonial type, single line circle with date in center and inscription around inside "POST OFFICE — CHRISTMAS ISLAND." Christmas Island is now supplied with stamps of Gilbert & Ellice Islands as the place is in the Ellice group. The ship stamps were issued by the Central Pacific Cocoanut Plantations Ltd. and were for prepayment of charges on mail carried on that company's vessels to some post office elsewhere in the group and while a private issue the philatelic market was not particularly sought by the company. These stamps were withdrawn upon the opening of the government office.

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An old regulation of the Post Office Dept. was "Postmasters will not suffer newspapers to be read in their offices by persons to whom they are not addressed; nor to be lent out in any case, without permission of the owners."

H. Preston Hoskins in Gunesch's *Pre-cancel Optimist* points to the similarity in shade of various denominations of Presidents. We've wondered too how postal clerks can quickly tell apart some values when used in precancel form. He points out the $\frac{1}{2}$ c and 6c, 5c and 11c and 13c and 20c are too much alike. Possibly there will be ground for changes in color in some values of this series, though it admittedly will be hard to get the 29 single-color values in shades that would eliminate confusion. In fact, we think it impossible. That was one of the reasons why the former series (1922-23) had two sizes of stamps and part pictorial and part portraits. We haven't heard even the tiniest plea for a new regular issue yet and don't expect any.

Stamp finds are still made, and *Stamp Collecting* reports the story of one Herman Darczewski, a band leader, who between batons collects stamps. Strolling through the older quarter of Scarborough, England, recently he saw a few stamps displayed among toys, etc., in a store window. His purchases included a 1c 1851 type I and a 24c 1870 with grill for the grand sum of 75c! Catalog price is \$1350 for the pair.

George Bradfield of nearby East Liverpool inquires if a first flight Clipper Cover from Guam to San Francisco franked with 9c postage is unusual. We would think so, as the sender got a bargain. The cover is postmarked Guam, October 16, 1935, and at San Francisco eight days later. Possibly in hurry of preparing mails, clerks did not notice the letter was short paid and probably were not expecting anyone to try to get that much service for only nine cents—a regular 3c stamp and a 6c airmail.

We were a little puzzled by an inquiry from Joseph Josselson of the Bronx in which he wanted to know the origin of a cancel reading "advertisement" or "Advertising" on first issue U. S. Postage Dues. On inspecting the stamps he submitted later, it developed the cancel was actually "ADVERTISED" with town name and date in center of the normal size circle. This was a postmark seen on many covers of the '80s and '90s and denoted that the letter had been advertised as unclaimed in a local paper because address was insufficient for delivery or else no one of that name had inquired for such mail. Postage due was collected when delivery was effected, to pay for the advertising. Postmasters printed such lists of letters from time to

time. It is not usual to see the mark on stamps, generally it is only on the cover.

This isn't a coin column but we answered one reader's inquiry about the new Jefferson nickel, so thought others might be interested. In brief the nickel has not been withdrawn and is not likely to be. The design has not been changed nor has it proven unsatisfactory or likely to be changed. Coins appear in circulation very slowly, much more so than stamps, hence the widespread incorrect belief the nickel is scarce, etc. They are worth 5c, no more and no less.

Stanley Boudreau of Holyoke, Mass. reports he has a Baseball cover with first day cancel from Ballston Spa, N. Y. Since this is not far from the official first day sale, the stamps were probably "imported" from there. This is done frequently at first day sales. E. W. Burke, Jr., of Macon, Ga., reports one of the other type of pre-first day covers. In his firm's mail on June 13, he found a letter bearing the Baseball stamp and postmarked McRae, Ga., on June 12. Apparently that postmaster also did not heed instructions of the Department.

The "temporary" postage rate of 3c per ounce for first-class matter would have expired on June 30, but for an extension of the rate effective July 1; extension for one year.

New Vermont Tax Stamp

Vermont has issued a new 2c green Cigarette Tax stamp to replace the former 1½c stamp due to increase in the tax and Harold F. Tenney of Brattleboro kindly submits a copy for inspection. The stamp is a very fine specimen of decalcomania printing and of course must be collected on "piece of entire"—the cellophane wrapping of the carton. The design is 9x12 mm. arranged vertically, with state seal in center, "VERMONT" at top and inscription "Cigarette Tax—20 Cigarettes" around center frame. Denomination in figures at bottom.

Bogus British Stamp

British postal authorities are reported by *Stamp Collecting* as investigating the franking of threatening letters of a political nature with a bogus stamp resembling in general appearance the current 1½d stamp. The label's portrait is not that of any member of the royal family and the inscription is a political slogan. Specimens passed through the mails before they were detected.

- Nutall Rise is a new post office in Taylor County, Florida, about six miles northeast of Scanlon.
- Belgian Congo is issuing five semi-postal stamps, the funds derived from the issue going to the Leopoldville Zoological Gardens.

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U. S. Commemorative Stamp Facts

THE ARKANSAS 3c

The 100th anniversary of Arkansas becoming a state was commemorated by the issue of another 3c light purple stamp in June, 1936. It shows a view of the old State House, a beautiful example of ante-bellum southern architecture, the building now being used as a State War Memorial.

The first state legislature met in the then partially completed edifice and the event was graced by a fight between the speaker of the house and another legislator in which the latter was killed.

The 3c Arkansas Centennial was issued in regulation sheets of 50 on June 15, 1936, light purple, rotary press, perf. 11x10½, no wmk., from plates 21564-65-66-67 and no minor varieties of note are known. 75,000,000 were ordered printed. Little Rock was the first day city and 376,693 first day covers were canceled, a record unbroken until 1939. Total number of these stamps issued was 72,992,650.

THE OREGON STAMP

In July, 1936, another stamp was issued in connection with the Oregon Territory centennial celebration. It shows a map of the territory, today the states of Idaho, Oregon and Washington, including portions of Montana and Wyoming, with a mounted Indian on the left and a covered wagon on the right, starting over the famous "Oregon Trail."

The 3c Oregon was issued on July 14, 1936, in bluish purple, rotary press, perf. 11x10½, no wmk., from plates 21576-77-78-79, in usual sheets of 50. No major varieties are known, altho there are some twisted transfers on plates 21576-77, and on stamp 3 of plate 21579 there is a strong double transfer along the right frame line and an extra line inside the right frame line.

First day of issue cities were Lewiston, Idaho; Astoria, Oregon; Missoula, Montana; Walla Walla, Washington, and Daniel, Wyoming, all closely connected with the early history of the territory. 75,000,000 of the stamps were ordered printed and there were 410,256 first day covers canceled.

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Gimbels' Exhibition

On July 17, Gimbel's Stamp Dept. planned to open the second of its stamp exhibits for World's Fair visitors. This second group will remain until July 28. It includes exhibits of the first United States stamps, officials as well as locals, by a number of prominent collectors including Laurence B. Mason, Walter P. Chrysler, Jr., Saul Newbury, Ralph Barry, E. Tudor Gross, Charles W. Gramm, and W. Parsons Todd.

• 45,000 stamp collectors, Californians claim, reside in Los Angeles county and city. Sixty-one stamp clubs meet there, this figure including junior organizations.

• First issues of French Congo with overprint "ENR" are fiscal registration labels, the letters being an abbreviation for "enregistrement."

• The oldest philatelic publication is *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste*, which has been published in France since Sept. 15, 1864.

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Editor's Notebook

JAMES SMILLIE Not one collector in a hundred, it is safe to assume, has ever heard of James Smillie, though he appears as a probable successful candidate for inclusion in the Heroes of Peace series soon to be with us. It is of course not unusual for collectors to first learn of a person or event when the stamp commemorating them is announced but in Smillie's case possibly we should all hastily brush up on his history. The Collectors Club of New York City took the initiative not long ago and asked the Post Office Department to include Smillie among those other Americans noted for achievements in fields other than war.

As the resolution stated, Smillie was the most eminent pictorial engraver of all time. His work has remained unexcelled, though the last was completed over half a century ago. It was he who engraved the vignettes for the 15c, 24c and 30c, 1869. The 30c due to political reasons was discarded, but the two lower values were used, the 24c being one of the finest examples of steel engraving in

existence. Studying one of these stamps for a few minutes under the glass is an exploring trip into the realm of one of the least appreciated arts. In a space about three-quarters by three-eights he reproduced Trumbull's famous painting of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Fifty of the '76 rebels are depicted with the five in the foreground easily recognized from other portraits. It is true other examples of very fine engraving on our stamps are known; great numbers of them, but this stamp's vignette outranks all. When the stamp first appeared, criticism was general of the series and Smillie's work had only a few months' use as a stamp. Like many another work of art time has brought it appreciation, though rather belatedly so far as the artist was concerned personally.

Aside from his being the greatest in one branch of artistic effort, Smillie's portrait on one of such a series of stamps seems particularly appropriate since it is the work of he and his fellows that has done so much to make our hobby the universal one. While many collectors just think of a stamp as something to fill a space in their albums, just as many others, we are sure, appreciate the skill in producing fine designs.

—R. R.

HARBINGERS First harbingers of Fall OF FALL and upturn in stamp interest for all of us is the announcement of Scott Publications, Inc., of the advance sheets of the 1940 Catalogue. By the end of this month, the first installment will be in the hands of the dealers and collectors on their toes to learn the full extent of the announced general overhauling of the Scott Kitty. The KenMore Stamp Co. is also working full blast on their new edition of the KenMore catalogue, with important revisions and additions promised for this edition. We're sharpening our reviewing pencil already.

—R. R.

Perils and Imperts

HUSBANDS, HERE'S A TIP FOR proposed legislation in your club. The Binghamton Philatelic Society voted to make the wives of members "associate members" and exempt from the payment of dues. This was done, the club's year book states, to interest the wives in becoming collectors. And it seems to have worked for we note in the membership roster, one wife after another listed as collecting this or that.

THE CENTRAL OHIO PRECANCEL Club, which meets once a month right here in Columbus town, is inviting the 1940 Precancel Stamp Society Convention to be held at Columbus, an invitation which we heartily second. A surprising number of members of the Columbus Philatelic Club are precancel collectors and some meetings the anti-precancelites are way outnumbered. Precancelitis is a pleasant disease; and we should know as we had it once and never fully recovered. Incidentally, if you happen through Columbus on a Friday, see if it's the

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first, third or fifth and if so look us up at the Virginia Hotel. Nothing better to break the monotony (?) of a vacation trip, than a look-in at a stamp club meeting.

WE USUALLY HEAR OF A PERSON quitting another line of business to enter the stamp trade, but Prescott H. Thorp, who edits *Gimbel's Stamp News*, has reversed the usual procedure. He has gone from stamps into the operation of a theatre at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, N. Y. Seems like his place would be the appropriate one for previews of those shorts on stamps recently made. We'll bet too that's one theatre where if the news reels are cut at all, it isn't the part about a new stamp that gets the scissors.

ABYSSINIA BECAME ETHIOPIA (and then some shell holes), Persia became Iran (and an also-ran in philatelic affections), Alexandretta became Hatay (and on June 25 passe), and now comes Siam along with announcement it is going to change its name to something, but isn't sure just what. The catalogs will soon at this rate become rather bulky from this rapidly increasing cross-index.

A POST OFFICE GENERALLY IS considered a place where one conducts postal business. In the United States it serves as a bank, hunting license source, internal revenue sales agent, convenient place for posting of notices of activities of all federal agencies (not to mention politics of all breeds). And in fourth class offices, we find most anything as many are in country stores. It might be interesting for someone (not us) to compile a list of the various side activities and other duties of the world's post offices. You write it and if we can squeeze it in, we'll print it. We gather than the foreign equivalent of a fourth-class postmaster must also be a telephone and telegraph operator in many countries.

APPARENTLY THE BASEBALL stamp made a home run with first day cover collectors.

WE SUSPECT THE PERRY (N. Y.) Stamp Club of giving cachetters the razzberries, for the club got out a green, red, yellow and blue cachet as big as a souvenir sheet for the "84th Anniversary of the Silver Lake Sea Serpent." Thanks to dealer Albert H. Henry for a specimen.

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"We elect competent officers, we burden them with onerous duties, give them no help, expect them to function and then sit back and criticize."—Mann Hahn in an article "Politicians and Patriots" in the *S. P. A. Journal*.

"It would seem that the licking of these large plasters (U. S. Commem.) is rather more than the average letter-stamper in the United States cares to undertake and though the central portion of the stamp receives an adequate amount of moisture, the outlying districts often fail to stick and damage results."—Stanley Phillips in *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly*.

"The plates in existence should furnish all the dollar values needed for the next hundred years."—W. R. M'Coy in the *Bureau Specialist*, holding forth on the Presidents.

"Would it be correct to describe these first-day Coronation covers as mint?"—Magistrate's clerk at Smethwick, noted by the *Philatelic Chronicle*.

The Forum

Zapata, Texas, July 4th, 1939.

To The Editor:

Last issue of Linn's Stamp News arrived last night. Illustration of design for Panama Canal Commemorative studied and we (Texans) are glad to find the profile of Vice-President John W. Garner peeking out between the ship and General Goethals. Really, don't you think there is a strong resemblance?

Yours,
JOHN L. DIBRELL,
Box 31, Zapata, Texas.

Wheeling, W. Va.
July 8, 1939.

To The Editor:

I have just received the July 8th number of the "News," and have read with considerable interest the short article on the editorial page regarding the proposal that the United States issue semi-postal stamps.

It has occurred to me that, although not so labeled, the stamps issued by our government since 1933 have all been semi-postals, two cents for postage and an additional cent for tax. And, incidentally, how about the various commemoratives issued with the knowledge and expectation that only a small percentage of them will ever be used as postage stamps?

I watch for the "News" each week with a great deal of interest.

Very truly yours,
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French Revolution Specials

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Next in the series of commemoratives, the French planned to issue one to commemorate the fall of the Bastille on July 14, 1789. This is the French national holiday celebrated annually on the anniversary of the taking of the prison fortress, symbol of royal might, by a mob aided by soldiers incorporated in the newly formed National Guard. The key to the famous building, demolished by the victors, is exhibited at Mount Vernon, Va.

Many other commemoratives are expected from the French to commemorate the revolution and its stirring events which profoundly affected the history of the world.

EVE is being jilted by the Post Office Department. On August 15th this Kentucky post office is being cast out of the postal service as thoroughly as was its namesake given the "bum's rush" by the angel 'way back.

Nicaragua has commemorated with stamps the successful junket of President Somoza to the United States, the design picturing the chief executive flanked with symbols of the two current U. S. world's fairs.

The Postmaster General Who Became King

The Kingdom of Hawaii was frequently governed in a corrupt manner and the Post Office Department operated in an indolent manner. Possibly this last was due to frequent changes in the personnel from Postmaster General downward. Stamps were printed as they were needed and in some cases, orders were not sent for new printings in time to avoid running out of necessary values. In 1863, David Kalakaua, a grandnephew of the founder of the kingdom, Kamehaha I, was appointed Postmaster General, the third in a period of four years. Kalakaua was then 27 years old, but seems in the main to have not added much to the service despite his youth. The numeral series were reprinted again and again to meet current needs, though during the first year of his tenure of office he at least once tried to improve the caliber of stamps. Running out of the 2c stamps portraying King Kamehaha IV, he sent to a former postmaster-general, then residing in New York City, a specimen of Nova Scotia's newly issued 10c stamp with its beautiful engraving of Queen Victoria, suggesting that this design be copied, substituting the features of the dusky king for the queen, and Hawaiian words for the English. These suggestions were followed and the stamp arrived the following June. The likeness of the king was not as good as Kalakaua thought it should be, but they were used anyway. This is Scott's A13, part of the series designated 1864-1871.

That seems to have been the extent of Kamehaha's stamp designing as no further values of the series appeared until 1870, five years after he too had lost the job of Postmaster General.

In the meantime, the death of Kamehaha IV had caused his brother Lot, to become the fifth king of that name. He too died in 1872 and Lunalilo became king. Lunalilo died childless in 1874 and Kalakaua was elected king by the Legislature nine days later. The Dowager Queen had bitterly opposed his election and her partisans started a riot which reached such proportions that marines were landed by some foreign warships to restore order and permit the king, who was friendly to the U. S., to take his throne. So the one time Postmaster General was now king of the islands. The same year he visited the U. S. to negotiate a reciprocal treaty. In 1881 he travelled around the world. But the ex-postmaster general proved a corrupt ruler, finally being forced to revert to constitutional rule when he was found to have accepted a bribe of \$150,000 for opium concessions. In 1889 he tried to overthrow the legislature by force, but the attempt was defeated. In poor health he journeyed in 1891 to the United States, but died at San Francisco. The king appears on a 2c stamp ordered the first year of his reign, also arrayed in all his medals on a 10c stamp of the new designs issued in 1882, which picture his wife, his sister, the late King Lunalilo and Kalakaua's bitter enemy, Queen Emma.

June Plate Production Is Small

This month the booklet plates with new style Electric Eye markings are reported manufactured. It is doubtful if any of these stamps with identifiable markings will be found in panes, so the fact of their being Electric Eye is of little if any concern to the collector interested in all types of Electric Eye markings.

Plate Number	Denomination	Issue	Size
22389-90	1c Washington booklet panes, Electric Eye, last type	1938	360 rotary
22391-92	2c Adams booklet panes, Electric Eye, last type	1938	360 rotary
22393-94-95-96 97-98-99-22400-01	3c Panama Canal. 25th Anniversary	1939	200 flat

The following plates were sent to press for the first time during June. Note this is the second pair of Baseball plates, which by the way are all rotary productions as we supposed and mentioned in the last plate number list, on page 527.

Plate Number	Denomination	Issue	Size
22299-300	2c Adams, sheet stamp	1938	400 rotary
22387-88	3c Baseball, sheets	1939	200 flat
22394-95-96-97	3c Panama Canal, sheets	1939	200 flat

Stamp Collector Suspects

In 1909, the Russian government was troubled by the habit of some citizens of making a business of cleaning the current letter-rate 7 kopecks stamp and selling them for re-use. The Czar's police, secret and otherwise, acted in a typical manner. At midnight on the same night police descended upon the homes of 26 stamp collectors seized their stamp collections and duplicates and marched the puzzled and frightened hinge-lickers off to the police station and locked them up as securely as any criminal. At noon they were released but later called in and their stamps inspected in front of them. Nothing suspicious being found, collectors and albums were let go. Frightened relatives meanwhile were explaining to friends that "papa, owing to his being a stamp collector" was marched off in the middle of the night like any plotter against the Czar of all the Russias.

1939 SEPAD Announced

The annual SEPAD National Stamp Exhibition of the Associated Stamp Clubs of Southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware has been announced as scheduled for the dates of September 27 to October 1 inclusive at the Hotel Philadelphian, Philadelphia, Pa. Gustave A. Von Gross is the Managing Director and prospectus for exhibitors may be obtained by writing him at 317 S. 15th St., Philadelphia. A separate section for meters with a cup as first prize is included in the arrangement of sections.

• West Coast Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx members are preparing for the big P. P. gathering scheduled for Sept. 22 to Oct. 1 inclusive at San Francisco.

• OMAHA won't have any postoffice after July 31. Omaha, Kentucky!

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ALEXANDRETTA—Minor Variety. Of the list of provisionals noted by us March 18th, there has been noted the following variety on the 10s. on 20p. orange:

A. "Sent" for "Sant"
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(R. Roberts)

BELGIUM—Tete Beche Pairs. The under-noted value appears tête beche. Perf. 13½, unwmkd., photogravure printing; Stamp itself was chronicled by us December 10, 1938, so add:

a. tête beche

(R. Roberts)

BRAZIL—New Watermark. The under-noted stamps have been issued on paper watermarked "CASA DA MOEDA DO BRASIL" mult., diagonally. There is a plus sign between each word. Perf. 11½:



A75—10r. red-brown
A75—20r. deep violet
A75—50r. emerald
A75—100r. orange
A116—200r. violet
A76—400r. ultramarine
A76—600r. orange

(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

CEYLON—New Perforation. After Scott's #278, in the addenda of the 1939 catalog, add the following:



a. perf. 13½
(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

CHINA—Re-engraved Design. The under-noted value has appeared in the re-drawn design, like the dollar values noted by us June 24th. The chief points of difference are: the vignette of Dr. Sun Yat Sen is larger, the fluted columns at the sides are replaced by foliate ornamentation, as is also the tiling on either side of the Nationalist Government symbol. Perf. 12½:

5c. green

(Stamp Collecting)

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC—One million copies were printed of the provisional 15c. on 20c., noted by us April 22d.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

DANZIG—Postage Due Stamps. Watermarked swastika:

D2—10pf. blue & black
D2—40pf. blue & black
D2—60pf. blue & black

ESTONIA—New Value. Perf. 14; 800,000 copies printed:

A22—18s. carmine
(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

FRANCE—Change of Color.

A93—15c. brown

(Stamp Collecting)

Commemoratives. The deluge continues. All are engraved, perf. 13. The 70c. and 90c. carmine are upright, other two values are horizontal. Usual size for French Commemoratives. A collection of these stamps are no doubt attractive, tho they are coming thick and fast.

70c. red-brown (Strasburg 1439-1939)
90c. carmine (Gregoire de Tours 538-594)
90c. slate-blue (Revolution 1789-1939)
90c. sepia (Verdun 1916-1939)

Semi-Postals. Upright rectangular format. Numerals of value in lower right corner, center is an oval showing two views of mother and children. Inscribed in panel at bottom "Pour la Nativite":

70c. plus 60c. green, deep blue & violet
90c. plus 60c. red-violet & sepia

(L. A. Russell)

FRENCH OCEANICA—New Values as well as Color Changes:

A12—3c. sky-blue
A13—30c. deep orange
A13—45c. green
A13—60c. black
A13—70c. lilac-rose
A14—1.25f. carmine-red
A14—1.40f. yellow-brown
A14—1.60f. dull purple
A14—2.25f. dark blue
A14—2.50f. black
A14—3f. brown-orange
A14—5f. red-violet
A14—10f. deep green
A14—20f. brown

(L. A. Russell)

GERMANY—Semi-Postals. The Motor Exhibition Commemoratives, noted by us March 19th, have been overprinted "NURGURGIRG-RENNEN" in diminutive Gothic type. The whole of the remainders were so overprinted and sold only in pairs, price 65pf. from the post office attached to the race track at Nürburging, between May 18th and July 23rd. The surtax being devoted to Hitler's Cultural Fund:

6pf. plus 4pf. green
12pf. plus 8pf. carmine
25pf. plus 10pf. blue

(Stamp Collecting)

GREECE—Air Post Error. On the Postage Due stamp overprinted with an airplane chronicled by us October 15th, appears the same error that occurred on the original printing of the Postage Due Stamps. In the 8th stamp in the bottom line of one printing, of the several made of this stamp, there is an "O" instead of "P." Therefore many sheets of the air post overprints will also show this error.

(Mekel's Weekly Stamp News)

GUATEMALA—Official Exterior Air Post Stamps. Portrait in oval frame, overprinted "OFFICIAL" each side reading up at right and down at left. Photogravure, unwmkd., perf. 12½:

1c. orange & olive
2c. carmine & olive
3c. green & olive
4c. purple & olive
5c. yellow-brown & olive
10c. ultramarine & olive

(R. Roberts)

Note: On the two Air Post Issues chronicled by us April 29th, we failed to mention at that time that all stamps in each set are overprinted by a green Quetzal.

JAPAN—New 50s. Value. Issued June 11th. Wmkd. wavy lines same as 6s. noted previously. Engraved, perf. 13:

50s. olive-yellow (Golden Pavilion of Kyoto)

Coil Stamps. The under-noted value has been issued in coil form, perf. 13 horizontally:

A83—1½s. purple

(Karl Lewis)

KUWAIT—Additional values to go with those chronicled by us July 1st. Perf. 14, wmkd., mult. star, overprinted for use here:

A81—2a. vermilion
A81—3a. sage-green
A82—1R. brown & slate
A82—2R. sepia & purple
A82—10R. lake & purple

(R. Roberts)

MONACO—Royal Portrait Series. Upright rectangular format, showing rulers of Monaco prior to the 19th Century:

5c. plus 5c. sepia (Prince Lucien 1505-1523)
10c. plus 10c. brown-violet (Honore II,
1604-1662)

45c. plus 15c. green (Louis I, 1662-1701)
70c. plus 30c. lilac (Charlotte de Gramont)
90c. plus 35c. violet (Antoine I, 1701-1713)

1fr. plus 1fr. blue (Marie de Lorraine)
2fr. plus 2fr. brown (Jacques I, 1714-1733)

3fr. plus 3fr. red-brown (Honore III, 1733-
1795)

5fr. plus 5fr. vermilion ("The Rock" in the
18th Century)

(Stamp Collecting)

NETHERLANDS—Willibrord Commemorative. Upright rectangular format, perf. 12½x 13½, unwmkd., engraved. Each stamp shows a portrait of St. Willibrord:

5c. gray-green
12½c. dull blue

(L. A. Russell)

NEW CALEDONIA—New York World's Fair Commemoratives. Same as Cameroons:

1.25fr. deep red
2.25fr. deep ultramarine

NORWAY—Mourning Stamps. Issued in the memory of Queen Maude. All show a full face portrait surrounded by a black border. Semi-Postal, the surtax going to the Queen's Memorial Fund:

10 ore, plus 5 ore
15 ore, plus 5 ore
20 ore, plus 5 ore

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

PERSIA—Royal Wedding Commemoratives. Horizontal rectangular format, photogravure printing, perf. 11½, unwmkd. Design is same for all values. Shows Princess Fawzia at left and Crown Prince at right, with crown between. Numerals of value in lower left corner:

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10d. purple
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90d. terra cotta
1R50d. blue

(R. Roberts)

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THE PARADE

The following items were shipped from the Bureau during the month of June. Some perhaps have already appeared and you can expect to see the others any time. New Towns: Bay Shore, N. Y.; Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Chillicothe, Mo.; Enid, Okla., all on the 1c Ord. New 1/2c items from towns already using Bureaus: Lafayette, La.; Atlanta, Wilkes-Barre; New 1c odds. Beloit, Columbus, Ga.; Eau Claire, Jersey City, McKeesport, New Orleans, Passaic, Plainfield, Troy, N. Y.; 2c odds.: Albany, N. Y., Dayton, Seattle and Springfield, Mass.; 6c Boston; 10c Philadelphia and Seattle; 15c Seattle; 1c coil: Kalamazoo, Lowell, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Richmond; 1/2c coil: Boston, Cincinnati, Kalamazoo, Pittsburgh and Washington, D. C.

—Courtesy H. M. Southgate.

STOP GAP ITEMS

Perhaps some of you have wondered why cities that have been using Bureaus suddenly come out with city type items. Well, the reasons are something like this. Either an unusually large and unexpected order from a permit holder comes in and exhausts the supply of Bureaus on hand, or perhaps the P.M. is a cautious soul and won't order from Washington till the need is very apparent, too apparent often and the hurried call on the local printer is made with the local plate. Some of the stop gap items on the Presidential issue should not be blamed on the Postmasters though, as I am informed that many of them ordered their stamps as usual but since the orders came at the change over they were not filled as per schedule and in the delay the PMs were forced to have some items locally hemstitched. Larry Edmunds of Detroit sends me a home town item, the 1c Pres. in U-1 that no doubt comes in this class. The 1c Columbus in U-12 is another, and here and there you will find other items that appeared while Bureau items were awaited.

ALBUMS

Now that it is pretty well established that no more items in the 1922-37 issues

will appear album publishers can go ahead and design and arrange an album for the Bureau Prints of this period in one concise, compact book. Already Jos. Whitebrough has designed such an album and although not completed yet sample pages are available. Mr. Whitebrough is with the Garden City Stamp Co., Chicago, Ill. Adolf Gunesch is also going to handle this album. Collectors interested in mounting their bureaus of this period in some permanent form should investigate this album. There no doubt will be other albums on the market later on and we will bring these to the attention of the readers if their make up warrants comment.

NOTES

Chas. Kuhns of Albany, Ga., shows me a strip of three 17c Pres. New York, N. Y., in U-14. The overprinting is a little in reverse. The date JUN '39 is first, then company initials—1 1/2c Bridgeport, Pa., U-121—The July issue of the *Midwest Precancel News* lists a dollar item from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., in U-121 type.—Canton, O., has its second shipment of 1c Presidential Bureaus. I'll bet the boys hope there will be some triple A material in this lot.

COLOR CHANGES

In the July-August issue of the *Precancel Optimist* is the comment on a possibility of some changes in the new Presidential series. We know that right away some will say this is dealer's sales talk but nevertheless we think there is food for thought in the argument. Take for instance the 1/2c and 6c values. How much difference in color here? The 13c and 20c are of similar hue, different to stamp collectors perhaps but to postal clerks too much alike. The 5c and 11c are also pointed out. As far as precancel collectors are concerned any change in the 1/2c or 6c would cause the most commotion to them as quite a few 1/2c values have been precancelled and quite a few 6c values too. In the others, while it would make some rarities, it would not mean so much because few have appeared precancelled.

Huguenot Commemoratives

In 1689 a number of French Huguenots, seeking refuge from persecution because of their religious beliefs, emigrated to what is now the Union of South Africa. The Union is issuing this year a series commemorating these pioneers on the 250th Anniversary. A century before a similar group had emigrated to what is now Florida, the monument depicted on the U. S. 5c Huguenot-Wallouen having been dedicated on May 1, 1924, to the memory of these early colonists.

Agency Has Good Year

In the fiscal year ended June 30, 1939, the Philatelic Agency stamp sales totalled \$1,312,016.48, about \$373,000 less than during the previous year. The number of orders also dropped from last year's record of 149,499 to 114,828. It is believed this is indication of the abatement of the wave of speculative buying. The 1938-39 fiscal year covered almost the entire sales of the new Presidential series and indicates very little of this issue is being laid aside in quantity.

Sentenced for Using Mails To Defraud

Ralph William Greco, stamp dealer, arrested on April 12 and indicted May 31 at New York City on charges of using the mails to defraud stamp dealers who had unused postage stamps for sale, was sentenced on June 23 to two years in a federal penitentiary. Greco had operated under no less than ten different names at almost as many different addresses: J. Rose, 34 W. 33rd St.; M. Friedman and Philatelic Finance Co. at 6 W. 28th St.; S. Katz, 1472 Broadway; David Lieberman, 251 W. 42nd St.; Max Stein and J. Stein at 516 Fifth Ave.; M. Stein, 1451 Broadway; Eagle Stamp Co., 307 Fifth Ave.; and Gordon Sales Service, 505 Fifth Ave. He had offered to buy unused stamps at a discount from face value and a number of persons had sent such surpluses without receiving payment. On June 13 he pleaded guilty to the charges and ten days later was sentenced by Federal Judge Samuel Mandelbaum.

Czech Overprints Coming

The new government in the former Czechoslovak republic will soon issue current Czech stamps overprinted to indicate the German "Protectorate." The original country name will be obliterated with bars and in both Czech and German the present name, "Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia," will be overprinted. With an eye towards philatelic sales the stamps will first be supplied the philatelic division at Prague and then to post offices as quantities permit.

Meanwhile one unit of the former republic continues to issue stamps which may not prepay postage anywhere. This is the Czech pavilion at the New York World's Fair where a sheet similar to the Bratislava souvenir pane is sold with the frank admission it is to obtain funds to pay for maintenance of the pavilion. Czech officials elsewhere in exile refuse to concede sovereignty to Germany and so these stamps face the prospect of at some future date being available for postage if the republic is reinstated.

• New Kensington, Pa., was not added as expected to the non-stop pickup air mail route because the city declined to put up \$300 asked for "messenger service" in addition to \$150 for the pick-up equipment. Billy Robertson of Charleroi supplies this information.

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BY B. I. STANDER

The Monaco semi-postal issue, featuring various rulers, made its appearance in New York this week. Only 24,000 sets of this issue were printed, making the issue a very speculative item. The entire issue, while limited, was handled very adroitly in order not to antagonize any dealers. Of the 24,000 sets issued, 14,000 were distributed among various European philatelic organizations, 2000 were sold at the Monaco Post Office (lending credence to the set) and the remaining 8,000 sets were allocated to various dealers. The face value of the set is approximately 85c per set. Yet the wholesale is approximately \$3.00. Some other countries might take lessons from Monaco in the technique of limiting issues. Exactly enough stamps were issued to satisfy all demands without glutting the market, and making the entire issue practically valueless from a collector's point of view.

We have just obtained confirmation of the rumors, reported in last week's column, that the remainder of the Slovak Stefanik stamps were destroyed. This stamp has now become one more of the things which turn dealers hair gray. The local dealers don't want to advertise this stamp and are trying to discourage sales at the present since any attempt to fix a price is pure guess work in view of the fact that no one knows how many sets there are in existence. At the same time, the dealers are scrambling to buy the stamp because they don't want to be caught short when a logical method of fixing a price is finally found. The stamp was on sale for only four hours and no one knows here exactly what happened during those four hours.

Roumania has just issued a beautiful set of three Miniature Sheets. The surprising thing about this issue is the reason given by the Roumanian Government for their issuance. They were issued, not for relief, not to commemorate any one's birthday, or any World's Fair, but to raise funds for armament purchases. Not even one word about international good will was spoken. Such candor on the part of Roumania is refreshing when we consider the many and varied explanations given by other countries for issues put out for the same reason.

Donald D'Amato of J. M. Bartels & Co. has just been granted his auctioneer's license and will conduct all the auctions of that firm in the future, as well as other sales. Congratulations Don, and lots of luck.

Local dealers are reporting many very pleasing interviews with customers whom they have been selling by mail for years and who have come to town to see the Fair. According to the dealers, it's always a surprise to find that the man who has been for years just a voice in the woods crying about bad centering is really a very nice sort of a chap, and aside from his mania for microscopically perfect copies, a very likeable fellow. They are also getting a chance to explain the delay in shipment of China Constitution stamps without getting writer's cramp.

Hatay's Fate Unknown

On June 25 the Republic of Hatay, one-time Sandjak of Alexandretta, was to have been merged with the Turkish Republic, by treaty signed by French and Turkish officials, the former under their postwar mandated authority. Citizens of the republic had voted in a plebiscite to remain independent and news of the treaty caused proclamations of intent to fight to retain independence. Postal affairs of the district, which borders on Syria and Turkey, are reported to have been in a muddled state, foreign mails being prepaid with Turkish stamps and being sent from that country's post offices. Hatay's own stamps were issued in such limited quantities that sufficient were not available to meet even philatelic demands and apparently not enough for the internal mails of the country. High government officials of the republic were stated to be pro-Turkish and against independence, so whether Hatay will continue as a stamp-issuing nation is at present unknown.

Monaco Portrays Rulers

In May Monaco released its latest series, ten stamps in all, the purpose of which was officially described as to direct world attention to the Principality's stormy career in the 16th, 17th and 18th Centuries. Nine of the stamps portray rulers of those periods and the tenth and highest value the Rock. Each of the series carries a surtax for some undisclosed purpose. Our New York correspondent reports that the issue was made in a very speculative manner, only one-twelfth of the entire series being sold over post office counters to the public.

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S. P. A. Convention

When members of the Society of Philatelic Americans gather in Baltimore, Maryland, August 24 through 27 for their annual convention, they will have a unique opportunity to learn first hand something of the city which in 1845 gave birth to the Baltimore Postmaster Provisionals, classics among early American postal issues, and which has since figured prominently in philatelic history.

Among the activities planned for visitors at the convention is a survey of places of philatelic interest in Baltimore, a trip to the Yankee Clipper, which has its home port in Baltimore, and numerous visits and tours of points which have become familiar to stamp collectors all over the nation.

The largest public room of Baltimore's most spacious hotel is being pressed into service to house more than 300 frames, which are expected to contain stamp treasures valued in excess of a half million dollars. An extraordinary list of awards is being arranged, with magnificient over-sized trophies predominating as top prizes in each class.

Inquiries for reservations, exhibition space, bourse and program arrangements may be addressed to Fernand Creed, Convention Chairman, 107 Park Ave., Baltimore, Maryland. Sub-committee heads, who have been selected from the membership of the Maryland Philatelic Society, hosts to the convention, are:

Program: Thomas Isckoff, 413 Munsey Building; Exhibition: Wilson P. Smith, 2332 Eutaw Place; Housing and Arrangements: C. N. Christiansen, 2110 Ashland avenue; Ladies, Mrs. S. Winer, Ingram Hall Apartments; Treasurer: E. Robert Clas, 514 Westgate Road; Credentials: John M. Spence, 5600 Wexford Road; Publicity: Harold Kaye, 4108 Park Heights Ave., Baltimore, Maryland. All committee heads will be pleased to answer inquiries relative to their departments.

—Harold Kaye.

• There's no need to wonder at the choice of the name of Colorado's newest post office in Montezuma County: PLEASANT VIEW.

AUSTRALASIAN NOTES

R. PORTER

AUSTRALIA

The flight of the "Guba" which is blazing a new airmail route between Australia and Africa across the Indian Ocean is being followed here with the greatest interest for its importance is clearly realized. At the moment of writing (20 June) the American flying boat is leaving Mahe in the Seychelles Group on its last hop to Mombassa, Kenya which no doubt will be reached in due course. It is freely rumored that although the special 5/- stamp was not issued for the survey flight it may yet be used to frank the mails carried on the first official flight of the regular service if and when it is inaugurated. In the meantime the three stopping places of the Cocos Islands, Diego Garcia and Mahe have been found suitable for the establishment of aerodromes and landing places for the flying boats and this is yet another instance when unimportant islets assume great importance as stepping stones for an air service.

NEW ZEALAND

While on the subject of air services, it has been officially announced that the trans-Tasman air service which is to link at last New Zealand with Australia is to be inaugurated in September. It is to be hoped that this is to be the final date for it has been postponed on several occasions. No special stamp will be issued on this occasion but it is quite likely that an official cachet will be employed on the mails carried on the first flight. The three huge flying boats to be employed on the service are already on their way to Australia and this air link will close the air chain linking England with New Zealand in a 30,000 mile air route.

The Centennial stamps to be issued on January 2, 1940, are already off the printers presses in England.

WESTERN SAMOA

Four stamps are to be issued on August 29, to mark the 25th Anniversary of New Zealand's control of the mandated territory of Western Samoa.

The 171st Meridian divides the Samoan Group under two flags. East of the Meridian, the Stars and Stripes fly; West—the Union Jack. The Group has the two capitals, Pago-Pago, an important naval station for the American half, and Apia, the centre of commercial life in the group for the British half. This division is the final development to a very troubled history. The Dutch were the first white people to visit Samoa in 1722, but it was not till 1830, that the first white settlement was established by the missionaries of the London Missionary Society. In the middle of the 19th century a kind of tripartite guardianship of the islands was established by Great Britain, United States and Germany. This, however, did not lead to any harmonious relations between the powers concerned, and after a number of "incidents," it seemed that a conflict between the naval squadrons stationed at Apia

was inevitable. Nature, however, one may imagine without being too fanciful, was angered at all this squabbling in her little Eden and the great hurricane of 1889 completely destroyed three German and three American warships. Only the British ship "Calliope," because of the courage and daring of her men to steam out of the Apia harbour in the teeth of the wild hurricane, survived.

Shortly afterwards, the Samoan Group was divided between Germany and the United States and this state of affairs lasted till August 30, 1914, when a New Zealand force captured German Samoa, the first capture of a German colony in the Great War.

The Group is partly now American and partly under New Zealand, as mandatory for the British Empire under the League of Nations. The population of American Samoa is about 10,000 and that of New Zealand or Western Samoa over 56,000 of whom 1,000 are Chinese and Melanesians and over 2,500 half castes and Europeans. The stamps are expected to be on sale for about three months.

AUCTION CALENDAR

July 26—233rd Sale. M. Ohlman, 116L Nassau St., New York City.

Aug. 12—U. S. Mail Sale. R. J. Lewinson Co., 825 West End Ave., New York City.

August 4—High-Hat U. S. Sale. Mint Sheet Brokerage Co., 415 Caxton Bldg., Cleveland, O.

FIRST DAY CALENDAR

The stamps listed in this calendar are only those issued officially announced by the U. S. Post Office Dept. First day dates of issues planned by the Canal Zone Bureau of Posts, Philippines, Canada, etc., are not listed here as we do not deem it practical to do so.

3c Panama Canal 25th Anniversary, large size commemorative, August 15, at Navy Mail Post Office, U.S.S. Charleston, (c/o Postmaster, New York City).

3c Montana - Washington - North Dakota-South Dakota 50th anniversary of statehood. To be issued in November but exact date and place not decided.

• All official mail of Guatemala is prepaid with the triangular stamps for official service and a special cancel is used at the capital on such mail.

• The first stamps used in British New Guinea (Papua) were those of Queensland and are distinguishable by the cancellation, though very scarce.

• The Crystal City Stamp Club of Corning, N. Y., recently elected Glenn F. Luckey, Painted Post, N. Y., President, and Fred G. Meyers, Corning, Secretary. The club meets first and third Wednesdays.

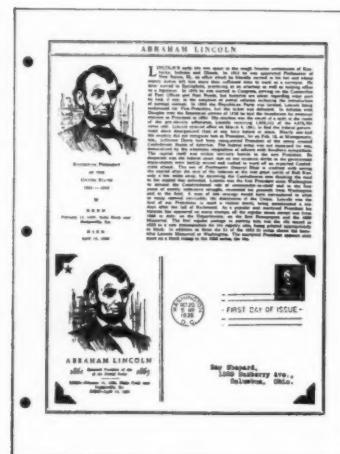
• The Barbados House of Assembly, says *Stamp Collecting*, is the third oldest legislative body in the British Empire, second only to Great Britain's and Bermuda's similar institutions. The new series will, the Barbadians hope, fittingly commemorate the tercentenary.

Presidential Postage Stamp Album

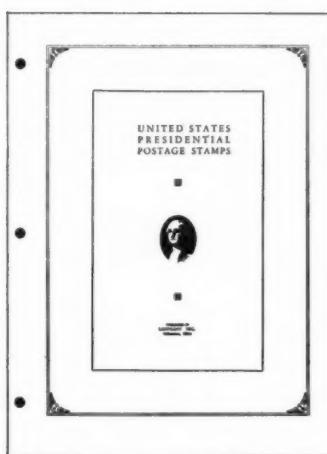
THE new Presidential Postage Stamps will offer one of the greatest opportunities that collectors have ever had for the formation of a specialized collection of a single issue. By popular request of several hundred readers who have already placed advance order for sets of Presidential Album Pages, Linprint has undertaken the production of these pages.

The pages are to be of fine quality, beautifully printed on heavy white album paper. Two complete sets of pages are to be offered, either may be used by itself or the two sets may be combined into a complete album. This has been done so that the collector who wants but a simple collection may have pages that will fit such a collection and the collector who wishes to make a specialized collection may combine the two sets of pages into a single album and may add pages from the second section as his collection grows.

All pages are 11x8 1/2 inches in size, punched with three holes to fit the standard size three ring binder. Pages in the first section are printed in red and black while pages for the second section are printed in red, black and also with a gray quadrille ground.



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